

MR. TAFT TELLS MADERO LATTER HAS WRONG IDEA

As to the Position Taken Thus Far by the United States Government.

FIGHTING IS BRISK

But There Are Indications That the Situation Will Soon Be Relieved.

(Bulletin).

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Feb. 17.—Brisk fighting continued this forenoon. There are indications, however, of developments of a character that may soon relieve the situation to a measurable degree. It is not possible to obtain details because of the close censorship.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—President Taft's reply to President Madero's appeal to withhold American intervention in Mexico was made public by Secretary Knox at noon today as follows:

"From your excellency's telegram, which reached me the fourteenth, it appeared that your excellency was somewhat misinformed as to the policy of the United States toward Mexico, which has been uniform for two years, or as to the naval or other measures thus far taken, which are measures of natural precaution.

"The ambassador telegraphed that when you were good enough to show him your telegram to me he pointed out this fact. Your excellency must, therefore, be aware that the reports, which appear to have reached you that orders have already been given to man forces, were inaccurate. The ambassador is, nevertheless, again instructed to afford you any desirable information.

"Fresh assurances of friendship to Mexico are unnecessary after two years of proof of patience and good will. In view of the special friendship and relations between the two countries, I cannot too strongly impress upon your excellency the vital importance of the early establishment of that real peace and order which this government has so long hoped to see, both because American citizens and their families must be protected, and also because this nation sympathizes deeply with the affliction of the Mexican people."

With no direct dispatches from the revolution in Mexico City and only one official dispatch from Ambassador Wilson which simply said fighting had been resumed and that the armistice had been broken, residents and officials waited in suspense. The first news of the early day filtered down from Mexico City to Vera Cruz and said hostilities were resumed. Madero telegraphed close friends in Washington that he expected definite results very soon.

The Mexican embassy here declared it had received no dispatches whatever. President Taft's reply to Madero's appeal for intervention went forward by telegraph early today.

The army has gone as far as it can under present arrangements for a possible troop movement to Mexico. The plans to send an expeditionary force to Mexico has been confronted with some difficulties in securing merchant ships for transports. It finally may be decided to send some of the transports at Newport News around to Galveston. Meanwhile with the army practically marking time and the navy standing by, officials waited in suspense for news of the stirring events, which are believed to be taking place behind the veil of Mexico City.

At the War Department, officers who had marched to the relief of the legation at Pekin declared that even should all wire communication with Mexico City be lost, even stopping Ambassador Wilson's dispatches, that alone would not be a cause for landing troops. It was pointed out that in such an event the embassy would have to resort to the use of messengers and do its best to get its dispatches over land to Vera Cruz or some other seaport where communication is available.

MODERN STREET LIGHT.

The Central District and Printing Telegraph Company has just erected a fine street lighting pole with equipment in front of its new building on West Main street. It is made of metal, finished in bronze, hung with tungsten lamps and is of the type of street lights that is displacing the arc corner lights in progressive cities.

ROA DROPS DEAD IN A RESTAURANT

As a Result of Heart Disease, from Which He Suffers Several Weeks.

Michael Roa, a local Italian, dropped dead in a Fourth street Italian restaurant Sunday night shortly after being taken there from the street, where he had fainted.

Roa had been in failing health for some time and was a patient in a local hospital several weeks ago suffering from heart trouble, which caused his death.

Dr. S. M. Mason, coroner, was summoned shortly after the man died, and after making a thorough investigation he decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Roa was employed by Joseph Fucy, railroad contractor, before he became ill. He had no relatives in this country. No funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

UNIFORM RANK TO MEET.

There will be a meeting of Pinnick-Innlick Company, No. 5, of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, held at 7:30 to elect officers for the year. All members are urged to be present in full uniform.

LICENSE TAX MAY BE PROVIDED FOR

As a Substitute for That Proposed Tax on Natural Gas.

A board of trade committee sent to Charleston to oppose a proposed law to tax natural gas made a report to H. V. King, secretary of the board Monday as follows through its chairman, A. K. Thorne:

Your special committee begs leave to report that, in accordance with the appointment by your board of trade, it proceeded to Charleston and found, upon investigation, that the bill levying a production tax on natural gas had been abandoned, and that, in lieu thereof, House bill No. 356, "a bill imposing a license tax on the privilege of owning or operating pipe lines used for the transportation of oil or natural gas, and fixing the rate of such license tax and providing for the assessment and collection thereof," was before the committee on taxation and finance of the House of Delegates for consideration.

Your committee having arrived Friday morning, February 7, did not succeed in obtaining a hearing before the committee until Tuesday, February 11, at which time arguments were heard, your committee advocating a material reduction in the taxation, and laying special emphasis upon the matter of exempting pipe lines under twenty miles in length, and not to include feed lines, service lines and distributing lines.

After arguments were heard, and after due deliberation by the committee on taxation and finance of the House, they amended the bill making the annual license tax of one cent per barrel on oil and one line in this state; and providing of gas transported through such line in this state; and providing for the exemption advocated by your committee increasing the mileage to thirty miles in length of the pipe lines not a part of nor under the control or management or operation of any other such pipe line, whose entire length is over thirty miles.

The taxation and finance committee reported the bill in the amended form, with recommendation that it pass to the House of Delegates on Wednesday, February 12, and is, at this writing, on first reading.

The speaker of the House endeavored to call it up on Thursday, the twelfth, but the press of other legislation on the calendar was so great that he found it necessary to postpone action until some time during the week beginning February 17.

We are now of the opinion that it will pass both branches of the legislature. If it does not, it leaves us just where we were before the legis-

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OUTSIDE MINERS

Come to the Financial Aid of the West Virginia Strikers.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Feb. 17.—A fund of more than \$40,000 has been raised by the United Mine Workers of District No. 1 and will be immediately sent to the strike fields of West Virginia as part payment of the debt the anthracite miners owe the West Virginia unionists for relief given during the strike of 1902.

During the six months struggle of 1902 West Virginia miners were enjoying an era of prosperity. They freely gave to the relief funds of the anthracite men. Now that conditions have changed, and the anthracite region is enjoying almost unprecedented prosperity while the West Virginia men are engaged in industrial strife, it has been decided by the union men of District No. 1 to pay back part of the old debt. Part of the \$40,000 was raised by assessment and part by contribution. The money is in the hands of the district officials and is to be sent to the strike fields at once.

WRITS

Of Habeas Corpus Granted By Supreme Court to "Mother" Jones.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 17.—A writ of habeas corpus was issued at noon today by the West Virginia supreme court of appeals to compel the appearance of "Mother" Mary Jones, Paul J. Paulson, Charles Boswell and Charles Bailey, now awaiting trial before the military commission at Paint Creek Junction, before the supreme court of appeals forthwith. The writ was asked for this morning by the attorneys for these leaders to get the accused persons away from the military authorities and their cases placed in the civil courts.

The writs were directed against Governor William E. Glasscock, Adjutant General Charles D. Elliott and Major James I. Pratt, President and Captain Samuel L. Walker, Captain James A. Watson, Captain Charles R. Morgan, and First Lieutenant Charles E. Templeton, members of the military commission.

The summonses were served on Governor Glasscock and members of the commission at 1:15 today by Sheriff Bonner Hill.

The prisoners were arrested in this city by civil authorities and turned over to the military authorities. They are charged with conspiracy and causing rioting in what later became martial law territory. Other writs will probably be asked for today or tomorrow to prevent the military commission from trying any cases.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Bill Passes the House of Delegates and Goes to the State Senate.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 17.—Made possible by the change in the votes of Delegate Hartley, of Jackson county, the resolution providing for women's suffrage passed the House of Delegates today at noon. It now goes to the Senate for concurrence. The resolution provides that the question must be submitted to the people for ratification.

COMMANDERY MEETS.

Clarksburg Commandery No. 13, Knights Templars, will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic hall. All members are requested to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.

CASH REGISTER MAN IS HEAVILY FINED

And a Sentence of One Year in Prison is Imposed on Him.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—John M. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register Company, who, with twenty-eight other former officials of the company, were convicted of criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, was sentenced today to pay a fine of \$5,000 and to serve one year in jail. The twenty-eight other defendants were sentenced to terms ranging from nine months to a year and to pay the costs.

Before passing sentence, Judge Hollister denied the motion of the defendants for a new trial and declared the defense had submitted no new evidence. He came to the conclusion, he said, that the verdict had been upheld by the evidence.

The bond of President Patterson was increased to \$10,000.

ABSENT

Are Defendants in the Audit Cases as They Were Not Notified.

When the November term of the criminal court was adjourned last year until Monday by Judge Maxwell, when he was judge of that court, opened Monday, with Judge James W. Robinson on the bench, counsel for the defendants in the county audit cases contended that they were discharged from custody by Judge Maxwell after the last trial last November. As that was their belief and as they were not under bond nor personal recognition, as well as owing to the fact that they had not been notified to come to court, the defendants did not appear in court. Capiases were issued for them and the court took a recess until 11 o'clock. At that hour the sheriff reported that they had not been found and another recess was taken until 3 o'clock.

DIAMOND

Theft Charged against Young Women, Who Are Held for Grand Jury.

Treva Mount and Mattie Smith, young women, were placed on trial Monday afternoon in Justice T. G. Nicewarner's court on a charge of feloniously entering the room of A. J. Smith, Jr., an employee of the Owens Eastern Bottle Company, Sunday morning in the People's hotel and stealing a pair of cuff buttons, valued at \$5, and a diamond stickpin, valued at \$50, both belonging to the complainant.

The young women were arrested Sunday night at Fairmont, whither they went from this city the same evening, by Constable Robert McClung, who brought them to the county jail here to await a hearing.

Both defendants were arrested Saturday night in this city by policemen for assembling for an immoral purpose and were released by giving cash bonds of \$11.60 each, which they forfeited Sunday morning by not appearing for trial.

Justice Nicewarner held both young women for the grand jury and jailed them in default of bond.

AGED

Resident of the County Dies at His Home Near Bridgeport.

Willis J. Drummond, aged 82 years, a well known retired farmer, died at his home near Bridgeport Sunday morning at 9 o'clock after a lingering illness of Bright's disease.

The funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The Rev. Benjamin Stout will conduct the services at the home and Adelphi Lodge, No. 8, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will have charge of the services at the grave.

MRS. FROST BETTER.

Mrs. M. S. Frost, who has been very ill in her home on Lee street, is very much improved.

AGED MAN

Quite Well Known in State of West Virginia is Dead.

William C. Bumgardner, of Elk district, died Sunday night of dropsy, aged 69 years. Mr. Bumgardner was widely known in West Virginia. He was a prosperous farmer, and had accumulated much money. Besides his farm in Elk he owns valuable property in Clarksburg. He was prominent in politics, having attended nearly all the state and county conventions in the last twenty years. For many years he dealt on a large scale in Chester white hogs, having sold hundreds in Clarksburg annually.

His widow and the following children survive him: Gideon, Emma, Homer, Roy, Goff and Charley.

Mr. Bumgardner was a loyal member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and died triumphant in the Christian faith.

He will be buried Tuesday at 2 o'clock at Trinity Church, on Brushy Fork.

ELECTED MARSHAL.

David W. McGeorge, Jr., a former Clarksburg boy, has been elected marshal of this year's graduating class at the Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pa.

ELKINS AND MANN GET SAME NUMBER

ARRESTS

Of Six Prominent Politicians in Connection with Bribery May Be Made.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 17.—Many members of the West Virginia Legislature appeared this morning at the Kanawha county court house prepared to testify in the investigation into charges of alleged bribery in connection with the United States senatorial campaign last week.

This is the last week of the regular session of the Legislature, and much business in addition to the election of a Senator remains to be done. If the senatorial deadlock continues the election will go to the people at a state-wide primary at which, it was stated today, all the men whose names have been before the Legislature as candidates will be on the various tickets. A report from the grand jury was expected during the course of the day, although it was not thought its work would be completed until later in the week.

Persistent reports that additional arrests would be made this afternoon caused an unusual stir. Prosecutor Townsend refused to discuss this phase of the situation, but it became known that warrants had been prepared this morning. Six well known men, it was rumored, whose names had not been mentioned in connection with the bribery, but of prominence in West Virginia public life were being freely discussed in connection with possible sensational disclosures when the next report of the grand jury is made public.

At 3 o'clock the witnesses for the state were excused until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and the court took a recess until Tuesday morning.

CRUMMITT

Is Named to Succeed A. P. Gardner as a House Door Keeper.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Congressman John W. Davis has recommended H. U. Crummitt, of Clarksburg, for appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Captain A. G. Garden, a doorkeeper in the House. Mr. Crummitt is expected to arrive here tomorrow to take up his new duties.

MORE ARRESTS IN STRIKE ZONE

MRS. SCHUTTE

Mother of Charles A. Schutte is Dead at Her Home at Salem.

Mrs. Henrietta A. Schutte's funeral and burial took place at Sedalia, Doddridge county, Sunday. She died there at noon Friday as a result of old age. She had been ill three weeks. Her last days were painless.

Mrs. Schutte came to this country with her husband, Charles G. Schutte, in 1852. He died in 1902. Three children survive. They are Mrs. Kate Hawker, wife of Henry Hawker, of Palisades, Col.; Mrs. Anna Ritter, wife of A. M. Ritter, of Fowerton, Tex., and C. A. Schutte, of Salem. She was a member of the Vermont Baptist Church at Sedalia, and an exemplary woman.

ASSASSINATION

Of a Turkish Official is Attempted by the Young Turks.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Turkish soldiers early today attempted to assassinate and succeeded in badly wounding Enver Bey, the Young Turk leader.

Military Court Does Not Begin Trials as Are Scheduled.

MAY LACK EVIDENCE

And is Said to Be Waiting for the Arrests of Other Miners.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 17.—Many additional arrests have been made by the military authorities during the last few days as the result of investigations being made by the military authorities preparatory to the trial of the cases before the military commission at Paint Creek Junction. The military commission, which was to have begun the trial of cases for the last several days, will not sit today as was reported Saturday owing to developments as a result of investigations during the last few days.

Of course, the military authorities will not disclose at this time where these investigations lead to, or whether they implicate persons now under arrest, or others who are concealed somewhere in the district or have left the state.

None of the rumors emanating from the union sections of the coal fields that the miners would march to the military camps and annihilate the soldiers or that they would come to Charleston to show their resentment at the arrest of their leaders, among them "Mother" Jones and the Socialist leaders who have been so successful in frustrating the plans of Thomas Cairns, president of District Seventeen, United Mine Workers, are believed.

President Cairns has constantly endeavored to keep the men in the union mines on the north side of the Kanawha river at work but the agitators, among them "Mother" Jones, and others, are alleged to be persistently frustrating his plans.

Approximately 125 men are confined at Paint Creek Junction, where the court will sit. A number have been released and others have been taken. Squads of military continued to raid the district in search of suspects but the officers are meeting with difficulty in securing evidence and the opinion is expressed that the prosecution against many of them will fail. The district was quiet during the night.

SPECIAL

Train and Trolley Car for Basketball Game at Buckhannon.

Arrangements have been made to run a special train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad from Clarksburg to Buckhannon next Monday evening and return for the basketball game to be played there that night between the Wesleyan and Fairmont Y. M. C. A. teams.

Fairmont fans have chartered a special car on the interurban trolley line to run to and from Clarksburg in time to make connections with the special train. A large attendance from places along the route of the specials is expected.

WELLS

Are Holding Up Well in the New Field Near Shinnston.

In the fourth sand development on the West Fork river, Clay district, this county, the wells are holding up very creditably. The Philadelphia Company's Nos. 8 to 11 and Nos. 12 and 13 on the Lucas Bros' tract are producing 560 barrels a day. The Hope Natural Gas Company's No. 1, F. M. Wadsworth, 19, and the Y. Y. Ice Oil Company's No. 1, C. L. Hursey, 100 barrels.

JAILED FOR BEATING WIFE.

Will Washington, a West End negro, is in jail awaiting a hearing in Justice G. H. Gordon's court on a charge of beating his wife Sunday afternoon at their home. The justice, who was called to the house, arrested him just after he had struck his wife on the head and cut a gash that bled profusely.